

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. – 4. (Cancelled)

5.(Currently Amended) ~~The A fabric as in claim 4, comprising:~~

a substrate layer;

an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the substrate layer; and

at least one layer of pile attached to and extending from the adhesive layer,

the pile layer having an embossed pattern thereon, the embossed pattern including a plurality of visually discernable regions having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along a first direction,

the pile layer further having a printed pattern superimposed upon the embossed pattern, the printed pattern including a plurality of visible features having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along the first direction, wherein

at least some of the visible features of the printed pattern include portions thereof not contained within the visually discernible regions of the embossed pattern,

wherein the fabric is a camouflage fabric,

wherein the printed pattern is characterized by a scene or illustration, and wherein the embossed pattern imparts a three-dimensional texture to the scene or illustration, the texture imparting a visual effect to the scene or illustration which renders it more realistic than the scene or illustration without the superimposed embossed pattern,

wherein the scene or illustration represents a sylvan setting, and

wherein the scene or illustration comprises at least one visible feature comprising a tree or portion thereof, a branch or portion thereof, a bush or portion thereof, a leaf or portion thereof, a flower or portion thereof, a berry, grass, a rock or portion thereof, and/or moss.

6. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[4]] 5, wherein the embossed pattern simulates bark.

7. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[2]] 5, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern comprise depressions in a surface of the pile layer.

8. (Original) The fabric as in claim 7, wherein the embossed pattern is formed by air embossing the pile layer.

9. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[1]] 5, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern and the visible features of the printed pattern are essentially randomly positioned with respect to each other.

10. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[1]] 5, wherein the plurality of visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern are substantially non-uniform in length and width.

11. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[1]] 5, wherein the printed pattern is formed by a heat transfer printing process.

12. (Original) The fabric as in claim 7, wherein a color and shading of the portions of the printed pattern superimposed on the depressions visually differs from a color and shading of essentially equivalent portions of the printed pattern that are not superimposed on the depressions, thus yielding an enhanced visual representation of color and texture of the scene or illustration.

13. – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The fabric as in claim 17,~~ A fabric comprising:

a substrate layer;

an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the substrate layer; and

at least one layer of pile attached to and extending from the adhesive layer,
the pile layer having superimposed thereupon an embossed pattern and a printed pattern,
the printed pattern characterized by a scene or illustration, wherein the embossed pattern imparts
a three-dimensional texture to the scene or illustration, the texture imparting a visual effect to the
scene or illustration which renders it more realistic than the scene or illustration without the
superimposed embossed pattern,

wherein the fabric is a camouflage fabric,

wherein the embossed pattern includes a plurality of visually discernable regions having
generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along
a first direction,

wherein the printed pattern includes a plurality of visible features having generally
elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along the first
direction,

wherein the scene or illustration represents a sylvan setting, and

wherein the scene or illustration comprises at least one visible feature comprising a tree
or portion thereof, a branch or portion thereof, a bush or portion thereof, a leaf or portion thereof,
a flower or portion thereof, a berry, grass, a rock or portion thereof, and/or moss.

19. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim 17 18, wherein the embossed pattern simulates bark.

20. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[14]] 18, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern comprise depressions in a surface of the pile layer.

21. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim 13 18 wherein the embossed pattern is formed by air embossing the pile layer.

22. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim 15 18, wherein the visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern and the visible features of the printed pattern are essentially randomly positioned with respect to each other.

23. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim [[14]] 18, wherein the plurality of visually discernable regions of the embossed pattern are substantially non-uniform in length and width.

24. (Currently Amended) The fabric as in claim 13 18, wherein the printed pattern is formed by a heat transfer printing process.

25. (Original) The fabric as in claim 20, wherein a color and shading of the portions of the printed pattern superimposed on the depressions visually differs from a color and shading of essentially equivalent portions of the printed pattern that are not superimposed on the depressions, thus yielding an enhanced visual representation of color and texture of the scene or illustration.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~An camouflage~~ A fabric comprising:

a layer of air-textured pile having printed thereon an illustration of a sylvan setting dominated by ~~a component selected from at least one of the group~~ visible features comprising trees or portions thereof, branches or portions thereof, bushes or portions thereof, leaves or portions thereof, flowers or portions thereof, berries, grass, rocks or portions thereof, ~~and and/or~~ moss,

wherein the fabric is a camouflage fabric,

and wherein the texturing comprises a random overlay on the illustration of depressions that are non-uniform in length and width.

27. (Previously Presented) The fabric as in claim 26, wherein the texturing simulates bark.

28. – 46. (Cancelled)

47. (Original) A camouflage fabric produced by a method comprising:

air embossing a pile fabric to form an air embossed pattern thereon, the air embossed pattern including a plurality of visually discernable regions having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along a first direction; and

printing the fabric with a printed pattern, the printed pattern depicting an illustration of a sylvan setting that includes a plurality of visible features having generally elongate shapes with longitudinal axes of the shapes being oriented substantially along the first direction.

48. (Currently Amended) A ~~camouflage~~ fabric produced by a method comprising:

air embossing a pile fabric to form an air embossed pattern thereon;

printing the fabric with a printed pattern, the printed pattern characterized by a scene or illustration of a sylvan setting; and

orienting and superimposing the embossed pattern and the printed pattern during the printing step such that the embossed pattern imparts a three-dimensional texture to the sylvan setting, the texture imparting a visual effect to the sylvan setting which renders it more realistic than the sylvan setting without the superimposed embossed pattern,

wherein the fabric produced is a camouflage fabric.

49-52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) A ~~camouflage fabric~~ textile article comprising:

a camouflage fabric comprising a layer of embossed pile having printed thereon a scene, illustration or pattern selected to visually blend into a surrounding environment in which the fabric is to be utilized, wherein the fabric is embossed with a texturing pattern that comprises an overlay on the scene, illustration or pattern of depressions that are shaped and oriented so as to create an embossed texture decreasing the degree of visual contrast between the camouflage fabric and the surrounding environment in which the fabric is to be utilized over that of the an equivalent camouflage fabric except without the embossed texture.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~camouflage fabric~~ textile article as in claim 53, wherein the texturing pattern comprises an essentially random overlay of depressions on the printed scene, illustration or pattern of the camouflage fabric.

55. (Currently Amended) The ~~camouflage fabric~~ textile article as in claim 53, wherein the camouflage fabric is air embossed to form the embossed texture.

56. (Currently Amended) The ~~camouflage fabric~~ textile article as in claim 53, wherein the embossed pile of the camouflage fabric has printed thereon an illustration of a sylvan setting ~~dominated by a component selected from the group consisting of trees, branches, bushes, leaves, flowers, berries,~~ that comprises at least one visible feature comprising a tree or portion thereof, a branch or portion thereof, a bush or portion thereof, a leaf or portion thereof, a flower or portion thereof, a berry, grass, a rock or portion thereof, and/or moss, and combinations thereof.

57. (Currently Amended) The ~~camouflage fabric~~ textile article as in claim 53, wherein the depressions of the camouflage fabric are non-uniform in length and width.